GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Safety of Health Workers
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) presently working in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the such health workers lack adequate security;

(c) if so, whether the Government has directed the States to ensure safety of such health workers and to set up a Complaint Committee or Cell as per Vishaka guidelines; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the States thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a): The State/UT-wise number of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) & Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) as on 30 September, 2015 is at Annexure.

(b) to (d): Public health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure security of health workers lies within the domain of the State Governments. The Central Government has been flagging the issue of safety and security of ASHAs from time to time. The Central Government has, while drawing attention of the States to the requirement to set up a Complaint Committee or Cell as per Vishaka guidelines, requested the States to ensure that such Committee are strengthened and activated for addressing issues related to sexual harassment of female health workers.

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